

# Proper Storage and Display of Pesticides by Limited Vendors

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE), through the Ontario *Pesticides Act* and Regulation 914, regulates the sale, use, transportation, storage and disposal of pesticides\*. If you are intending to sell pesticides and you are a licensed limited vendor, you must be aware of your responsibilities under this Act and Regulation.

A MOE Limited Vendor license is required by those individuals who sell Schedule 3, 4 or 6 pesticides. Limited Vendors typically sell home and garden type pesticides which may be bought by the general public. To find out more information on the Vendor Licensing program, contact your local Ministry of Environment Office (listed on the MOE web site at [www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca)).

The MOE uses a classification system that places a pesticide product into one of six schedules. The classification of a pesticide is based on several factors including toxicity, environmental effects as well as the size of the container. Detailed information on the classification of pesticides is available on the Ontario Pesticide Advisory Committee web site at [www.opac.gov.on.ca](http://www.opac.gov.on.ca). Depending upon the product classification, vendors are subject to different storage and display requirements under Regulation 914.

The more toxic pesticides have more stringent requirements. Your pesticide supplier should also be able to provide you with information on the schedule of each of their products.

This factsheet has been developed to provide information on the proper and safe storage and display of pesticides to individuals who hold the Limited Vendor licence.

## Pesticide Storage

### Areas where customers usually are not allowed access

- Do not store pesticides above food or drink intended for human or animal consumption, or personal/animal use items (e.g. toiletries, sunscreen, clothing, toys, etc.) which, if contaminated, could cause injury to people or animals.
- Do not store pesticides within 1 metre (left, right and behind) of any food or drink intended for human or animal consumption.
- Storage area should be clean and orderly with no leaking or damaged containers.



Figure 1

- Post warning signs (Figure 1) at the entrance to the pesticide storage area or inside the warehouse near the actual storage area. Warning signs are available from the Farm Safety Association 1-800-361-8855.
- Post emergency telephone numbers (fire, hospital, poison control centre) at the telephone closest to the pesticide storage area.

## Pesticide Retail Display

### Areas where customers are allowed access

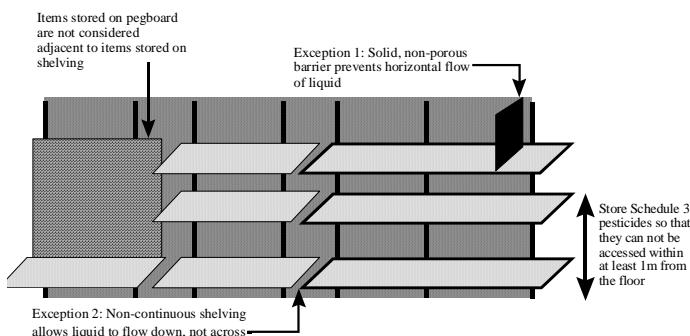


Figure 2: The Proper Display of Pesticides

- Pesticides in unsealed or damaged containers must not be placed on display under any circumstance. Always check pesticide containers as you unpack and shelf them to ensure that the containers are sealed.

### Pesticides Products For Use on Pets (e.g. flea and tick shampoos, powders, collars etc)

- Do not display above or within 1 metre (left, right or behind) of any food or drink intended for human consumption
- May be displayed next to animal feed, if separated by non-continuous shelving or by a solid, non-porous barrier which prevents the horizontal flow of material.
- May be displayed above or next to animal use items (e.g. kitty litter)

### All Other Pesticide Products

- Do not display above food or drink intended for human or animal consumption or personal/animal use items (e.g. toiletries, sunscreen, clothing, toys, kitty litter, etc.) which, if contaminated, could cause injury to people or animals.
- Do not display within 1 metre (left, right or behind) of any food or drink intended for human or animals, or personal/animal use items (e.g. toiletries, sunscreen, clothing, toys, kitty litter, etc.).

**Exception:** If separated by non-continuous shelving or a solid, non-porous barrier (e.g. plastic, plexiglass, metal) which prevents the horizontal flow of material, these products may be stored next to personal or animal use items. Items displayed on a pegboard or clip strips next to a shelf would also meet this exception.

- Display Schedule 3 pesticides so that they are not accessible up to at least 1 metre from the floor to minimize the hazard to children. Ask your supplier to identify these pesticides.

- Large pesticide containers (e.g. greater than 4 kg or 4 L) may be stacked on pallets or directly on the floor. Ensure that they are protected from damage by carts or other objects.
- Some Schedule 3 pesticides packaged in aerosol containers may not have child proof tops. Aerosol containers that do not have child proof tops should be displayed so that they are not accessible up to at least one meter from the floor.

## **Fire Department Notification**

Provide a written annual notice to your local fire department providing them with the following information:

- Your business name, address and telephone number
- Name of the person responsible for the storage of pesticides and emergency contact information.
- Submit a form<sup>1</sup> indicating that pesticides are stored on your premises, where they are stored, and listing the pesticide trade name, Pest Control Products Act registration number and Ontario Schedule. Approved forms are available from Ministry of the Environment Offices.

<sup>1</sup>Fire Department Pesticide Storage Notification

\*A pesticide is any substance intended to control, destroy, repel, or attract a pest. Pesticides are used in pet flea and tick shampoos and collars, insect control products (including indoor and outdoor lawn and garden), weed control products (including “weed and feeds” and crabgrass control), mouse and rat poisons, etc.

For further information visit the Ministry of the Environment's web site at [www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca) or contact:  
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